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SUBJECT: EFFORTS TO DOCUMENT ALL CASES

1. PRESSURE FROM OWNERS, CONGRESSMEN, AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES FOR FURTHER U.S. GOVERNMENT ACTION TOWARD RELEASE OF U.S. OWNED AIRCRAFT FROM DETENTION IN MEXICO CONTINUES TO INCREASE AND MAY SOON APPROACH THAT NOW FELT IN MATTER OF U.S. PRISONERS. DEPARTMENT FEELS IT MUST BE ABLE TO INFORM INTERESTED PARTIES NOT ONLY OF CURRENT STATUS OF AIRCRAFT BUT OF WHAT SPECIFIC STEPS SHOULD BE FOLLOWED TO SEEK RECOVERY. IN REGARD TO LATTER, DEPARTMENT CONTEMPLATES USE OF MEXICAN LEGAL COUNSEL.

2. DEPARTMENT ALREADY POSSESSES PARTIAL INFORMATION IN MANY CASES WHICH HAS BEEN FORWARDED BY EMBASSY AND OTHER MEXICAN POSTS IN RESPONSE TO REQUESTS IN SPECIFIC CASES; IN THE LISTS FORWARDED UNDER COVER OF EMBASSY'S A-610 OF DEC. 5, 1973, A-259 OF MAY 24, 1974, AND OM OF MAY 23, 1975; AND IN EMBASSY'S AIRCRAFT INCIDENT REPORTS. HOWEVER, TO MEET NEEDS AS PERCEIVED BY DEPARTMENT, EMBASSY SHOULD PREPARE INDIVIDUAL REPORTS ON EACH U.S. OWNED PLANE DETAINED IN MEXICO ACCORDING TO FORMAT GIVEN IN PARAGRAPH UNCLASSIFIED

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5 BELOW. DEPARTMENT AWARE OF OTHER SPECIAL DEMANDS ALREADY ADDED TO EMBASSY'S NORMAL HEAVY CONSULAR WORKLOAD

BUT FEELS IT URGENT TO INITIATE WORK THIS PROJECT ASAP.

3. IN ORDER TO MEET REQUIREMENT EMBASSY SHOULD ENLIST ASSISTANCE OF OTHER MEXICAN POSTS AND MEXICAN AUTHORITIES. WHILE SUBMISSION OF REPORTS SHOULD NOT BE DELAYED PENDING RECEIPT OF COMPLETE INFORMATION, ALL EFFORTS SHOULD CONTINUE TO OBTAIN MISSING INFORMATION, INCLUDING RELEASE OF AIRCRAFT, FOR SUBSEQUENT TRANSMISSION. IN VIEW OF VOLUME, REPORTS PREPARED ON THOSE CASES OF WHICH EMBASSY ALREADY AWARE SHOULD BE FORWARDED BY POUCH.

4. IN MAY 21 MEETING WITH ADMINISTRATOR WALENTYNOWICZ, ATTORNEY GENERAL OJEDA PAULLADA PROMISED TO COME UP WITH A DRAFT SOP TO DISCUSS WITH EMBASSY. DEPARTMENT URGES EMBASSY TO FOLLOW UP WITH OJEDA PAULLADA ON THIS PROJECT.

5. FORMAT OF REPORT ON AIRCRAFT DETAINED IN MEXICO.

- 1) AIRCRAFT NUMBER
 - 2) MAKE AND MODEL
 - 3) INFORMATION ON PILOT--A)NAME B)ADDRESS C)NATIONALITY D)NATURE OF CHARGES IF ARRESTED
 - 4) INFORMATION ON OWNER--A)NAME B)ADDRESS C)NAME AND ADDRESS OF ANY OTHER PARTY (SUCH AS BANK) ASSERTING CLAIM TO AIRCRAFT
 - 5) DATE AND PLACE SEIZED
 - 6) PRESENT LOCATION
 - 7) JUDICIAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY HAVING JURISDICTION
 - 8) LEGAL BASIS FOR DETENTION
 - 9) EFFORTS MADE BY OWNER FOR RECOVERY
 - 10) NAME AND ADDRESS OF ATTORNEY OR OTHER LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE OF OWNER
 - 11) DATE AND MANNER IN WHICH POST BECAME AWARE OF PLANE DETENTION
 - 12) ASSISTANCE GIVEN BY USG
 - 13) WHETHER SUSCEPTIBLE TO RECOVERY UNDER CONVENTION
 - 14) INFORMATION CONCERNING ANY EXTRALEGAL SOLUTIONS SUGGESTED BY ATTORNEY OR OTHERS
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15) IDENTITY OF CONGRESSIONAL OR OTHER SPECIAL INTEREST. KISSINGER

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